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A BILL

To amend section 3.111 of the Revised Code to 1
require certain convention and visitors' bureaus 2
to make available for inspection by the public 3
all meeting minutes, vendor payment information, 4
and financial information. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3.111 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3.111. (A) An elected officer of a county, township, 8
or municipal corporation that has levied an excise lodging tax 9
under section 5739.08 or 5739.09 of the Revised Code, or a 10
designee appointed by such elected officer, may simultaneously 11
serve in the elected or appointed position and as a member or 12
officer of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' 13
bureau organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The 14
simultaneous holding of the two positions shall not constitute 15
the holding of incompatible offices or employment, 16
notwithstanding Ohio common law or any contrary provision of the 17
Revised Code. 18

Nothing in this section prevents a municipal corporation 19

or chartered county from adopting a more restrictive policy 20
regarding the simultaneous holding of the positions described in 21
this section. 22

(B) If a person serves in two positions as authorized by 23
division (A) of this section, the board of trustees of the 24
convention and visitors' bureau shall do the following: 25

(1) Promptly prepare, file, and maintain the minutes of 26
each meeting of the board of trustees and open the minutes to 27
inspection by the public. 28

(2) Prepare and make available for inspection all records 29
regarding financial information and vendor payments in 30
accordance with the processes applicable to public offices under 31
divisions (B), (C), (D), and (G) of section 149.43 of the 32
Revised Code pertaining to public records. 33

(C) As used in this section, "record" has the meaning 34
defined in section 149.011 of the Revised Code. 35

Section 2. That existing section 3.111 of the Revised Code 36
is hereby repealed. 37